

Gives \$1,800 To Remain Amateur

## Young Ball Player Is Mystery Donor

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — For several weeks, the Arizona Kidney Foundation was mystified by Mr. Swartz, their secret benefactor.

It all started with a \$646.50 check arrived about five weeks ago from the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency in New York. The check stub noted it was "a donation from David W. Swartz."

Jean Bradford, executive secretary of the foundation, was pleased but puzzled.

"I didn't know who this Mr. Swartz was," she said, "but apparently he liked us."

Other checks soon came — one for \$209, another for \$378 and several for \$200. All were from Swartz.

Mrs. Bradford sent thank you notes in care of the ad agency, and they were returned without comment.

She was getting "more dumbfounded by the day" until this week, when she spotted a card marked Swartz in the office file. Then she remembered David Swartz, an eighth-grader at Desert Sands School in Phoenix.

The checks were royalties from a television commercial David appeared in as a winner of last summer's national pitch, hit and throw baseball contest.

"His mother Mrs. James Swartz had told me months ago they would donate the royalties to the Kidney Foundation," Mrs. Bradford said Tuesday. "I had

forgotten about it. Mrs. Swartz had said she didn't know when the money would come in, but that it might be as much as a couple of hundred dollars."

By Tuesday, the checks had totaled \$1,800 and there may be more. No one is quite sure.

David said, "I had to give the money away. Otherwise I couldn't have played any more sports in school, and would have been considered a pro."

"I thought the money would only be about \$800," he added.

David did get a mammoth trophy out of the contest. Meanwhile, his baseball team has compiled a 6-0 record.



MYSTERY DONOR: The Arizona Kidney Foundation has received about \$1,800 in donations from a Mr. Swartz in recent months. Monday it was discovered the donor was David Swartz, 11, above. (AP Wirephoto)

# New Forms Of County Government Proposed

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Government" by its sponsor. The bill won Senate approval 22-14 Tuesday and was sent to the House.

The measure would allow voters to approve "optional

unified" forms of county government. One form, called "Alternate A," would empower county commissioners to appoint a "county executive." He would be administrative chief

of county government and responsible for overall supervision of all county departments not headed by elected officials.

The other form, "Alternate

B," calls for public election of a county manager on a partisan basis for a term of four years. He, too, would supervise all county business and control departments without elected

heads.

An amendment failed that would have excluded Wayne County from the bill.

Under the measure, some county offices could be abolished. Untouched would be certain appointive offices including board of canvassers, civil service commissions, drainage boards, library commissions, mental health and hospital boards and certain elective offices including sheriff, prosecuting attorney, clerk, register of deeds, treasurer and drain commissioner.

County commissions, however, could consolidate departments or transfer functions from one department to another.

"The purpose is to improve county government. This is a major reform of county government," says Pursell, R-Plymouth, the bill's sponsor.

He said the measure has support from the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Township Association of Michigan and the Michigan Sheriff's Association.

The bill, Pursell said, "complements" the concept of county home rule. It does not change county tax structure or usurp powers of cities or townships, he said.

Supporters argued that the current county commission operation dilutes power among a number of persons and allows the commission to elect one of its members as chairman.

The proposed measure would not allow the commission to hire one of its own members as a county executive. The com-

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WAR REMINDER: Metal bracelet worn by Mrs. Priscilla Poore of 571 Eloise drive, Fairplain, bears inscription: "Capt. Lynn Guenther 12-26-71." Guenther of The Dalles, Ore., is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. He was captured Dec. 26, 1971, when his plane was shot down over Laos. Mrs. Poore secured bracelet from organization called VIVA, serving war prisoners and missing servicemen's families. Last Saturday, she saw Guenther's photograph on front page of this newspaper. (Staff photo)

## Quick, Easy Passage Seen For State Welfare Bill

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A fast legislative settlement is shaping up on welfare, the issue that tied the Michigan House and Senate in knots last year.

Revenue sharing, another sticky subject, also may be set-

led soon.

Last week, the House approved a \$641.7 million welfare bill with several restrictive amendments. Tuesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee sent the bill to the floor without change.

Meanwhile, the Senate Municipalities and Elections Committee only slightly altered the House-passed revenue sharing bill. It provides some \$240 million for various governmental units to use as they please.

"We didn't change a comma

in the welfare bill," said Sen. Gary Byker, R-Hudsonville, appropriations vice chairman. "We like the House amendments and we didn't want to take a chance on losing them in a conference committee."

Senate Republican Leader Robert Vanderlaan predicted the bills could come to a vote Thursday and predicted little trouble in passage.

"I think they will pass pretty much as they were passed by the House," said Vanderlaan, R-Kentwood.

Last year, the welfare budget went unsettled until the 1971-72

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## Black Is Candidate For Judge

Hugh W. Black, 34, Berrien county assistant prosecutor, announced today he is a candidate for election to the Fifth district court bench.

Black, a member of the Michigan Bar since 1966 and on the prosecutor's staff since August, 1969, said the court is sorely in need of reform — administratively and judicially — and pledged to work for such reform.

Improvement specifically is needed, he said, in arraign-

ments, scheduling, pre-trial policy, public relations, fairness in sentencing, and in some cases the quality of judicial decisions.

Two other candidates, one of them an incumbent, have announced for the two open district court seats. They are Judge Paul Pollard and St. Joseph Atty. Edward M. Yampolsky.

Black spent his boyhood in Montana and Colorado and moved to Detroit as a high

school senior. He won a juris doctor degree from Wayne State University law school and has successfully completed the career prosecutor's program offered by the National College of District Attorneys.

Black is chairman of the police-court relations committee of the Berrien Drug Treatment Center, Inc., and holds a certificate of training from the Oakland county department of drug abuse



HUGH BLACK

JAMES S. FARNSWORTH  
Seeks Sixth Term

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## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorSchool Millage Elections  
Wavered Monday

Whatever sport he may handle, a coach would not regard a 9-5-1 record as the surest path to life tenure.

This is the box score on 15 millage elections in Berrien and Van Buren county school elections two days ago.

The Berrien outcome, four wins and four defeats, equals the national average for the moment.

The Van Buren result of five victories and one loss makes for a better showing until one considers that most of those affirmative votes were to renew existing tax rates rather than to raise them. The tie vote was on a Vo-Ed plan which is left hanging in the air because it carried in one phase and lost on another.

Contrary to Mayor Charles Joseph's comment on the resounding defeat of a building and an operational millage for Benton Harbor, we doubt if those losses mean that the residents in those districts are against education.

Quite the contrary.

They are just as favorably inclined toward good schooling as are their neighbors who voted yes.

Their negative response is merely a thread in a national pattern indicating Americans are beginning to raise the value received for money paid argument about their public services.

The schools catch the brunt of this reaction since half of their financing is raised locally and the control of that underwriting to a considerable degree is still locally vested.

Although the reaction stems from a blend of logic and myth, it is only natural that eventually somebody would start to wonder why in the past decade the cost of financing the K-12 system throughout the U.S. has risen three times and the property tax, its main support, has jumped 47 per cent in the past five years while enrollment has moved upward something like 10 or 12 per cent.

One explanation is inflation which has afflicted every service, public and private.

The public must share part of the blame. As pointed out in this column two weeks ago, the schools have had many functions shoved upon them that more properly should be shouldered by parents.

A Game Not  
Worth Playing

The most striking thing about the Air Line Pilots Association boycott of countries which provide sanctuary for air pirates is that such action was found necessary. One would think it an elementary precaution for the nations to band together in this regard, refusing such sanctuary as a matter of mutual interest. Elementary or not, it hasn't been done: the nations have not yet assured, by firm agreement, that air pirates will not find a haven anywhere in the world.

International politics at a rather primitive level is the joker in the deck. Were it not for this, all countries could be expected to turn a cold shoulder to aircraft hijackers, if only to protect their own nationals. As it is, some Arab countries have welcomed persons who committed acts of air piracy directed against Israel, and Cuba has provided refuge for hijackers.

The ultimatum issued by the Air Line Pilots Association, representing 46,000 American pilots, may accomplish what governments have failed to accomplish. The ALPA has ordered its members not to fly to countries that provide a haven for air pirates. This is not being applied ex post facto; it is in the nature of a warning.

Faced with the prospect of losing lucrative air travel business and all that flows from it, governments which have played footsie with air pirates for political reasons may decide that this is a game no longer worth playing.

Like anything else, baby sitting costs money and unfortunately for the sake of education itself it means the schools lose the resources to take on elements missing from the educational process.

Through the years the system has institutionalized itself nigh unto rigidity.

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We went through the Benton Harbor system in the 1920s, finishing up at the time Wally Weber was prepping three All American football players.

In that decade the sixth grade teacher doubled as the principal in her building.

In junior high school, Anna Schaus taught English half the day and served as the principal for the 7th and 8th grades in the other half.

Charlie Semler presided as the full time principal at the high school. His secretary was the best girl typist in her class. Charlie doubled and tripled in brass. He supervised the teachers and their programs for the 9th to 12th grades; he maintained law and order in the place; and he counselled the boys.

Mabel Heilig was dean of girls and except for serious cases was the health officer. Like Charlie she had another good student typist as a part time secretary.

Syd Mitchell superintended the entire operation and was the only one to have a full time secretary. He made up the budget; lobbied at Lansing for whatever extra state aid could be found; and served as the system's public relations man.

Each of the grade schools had a janitor who took his orders from the teacher-principal. He was a combination clean up and repair man.

The junior and senior high schools had two and three piece respectively; and there was a small maintenance crew, headed by a foreman for the more complicated plumbing, carpentry and masonry requirements in all the buildings.

We are well aware the Benton Harbor system is several times larger today than it was at our 1939 graduation, the same as are St. Joseph, Coloma, Watervliet, Lakeshore, River Valley, Eau Claire, Hartford, Paw Paw and so on.

It also goes without saying that attitudes, students and adult, differ considerably.

Nonetheless, we ask the reader to compare the structuring in his district with what it was some years ago and then decide if Parkinson's Law applies.

We can't recall the exact wording from this British humorist, but his thesis runs to the effect that bureaucracy expands geometrically in proportion to the problem it is supposed to solve. Something like if the problem doubles, the personnel quadruples.

As a percentage of the cost, this Washington syndrome does not overpower a school budget, but it does cause a system to function like Washington; and that does require a bundle.

These millage reversals are not an answer, certainly not a long range solution. Nor is substituting the income tax for the property tax to continue the status quo the answer.

The public has to scrap the misconception of the schools being a universal problem solver; and the school system has to regain some of the flexibility when our mentors, Charlie and Syd, were running the show.

## Rodeo Time

Rodeos, or rodoyos, as some effete easterners pronounce the word, are in the midst of another prosperous and rootin' tootin' season, according to news from the chutes and corrals. There is no indication that this form of western entertainment is in danger of going the way of wild west circuses.

Started more than 75 years as a form of entertainment and exhibition of prowess on the open range by cowboys from several adjoining ranches, rodeos have become big business. Millions of dollars in prize money is distributed to winning contestants of the various events. Rodeos lack capacity crowds.

One of the largest of these annual contests between men and animals is staged in Cheyenne, Wyo., where Frontier Days "the last full week of July" attract the top rodeo performers who vie for the largest purses and win the approbation of large crowds of more than 20,000.

A street parade of scores of floats, stagecoaches and several thousand horses and riders depicts frontier days in all their glory and nostalgic memory.

So it goes, from Pendleton to Calgary to Deadwood, whose Days of '76 are a rip snortin' reincarnation of the Black Hills gold rush. Rodeos are a firmly entrenched part of the West.



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

RICHARD TYNES  
HEADS ENGINEERS—1 Year Ago—  
New president of South Bend chapter No. 124, American

Institute of Industrial Engineers is Richard H. Tynes, budget manager of St. Joseph division, Whirlpool Corp. Tynes was installed recently

and his term of office will begin in September. He said expansion of the membership and encouraging greater professionalism is the immediate goal of the chapter this next year.

## LEGION SCORES

—5 VICTORY

—10 Years Ago—

St. Joseph's Junior American Legion baseball team went one game over the .500 mark in Fennville yesterday by taking a 5-1 decision from Fennville in a Blue-Grey game.

Post 163 now owns a 2-1 mark on the season and will host Lakeshore at Riverview Park in an 8 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, St. Joe will host Holland in a non-league encounter.

DRAFT RATE  
TO DECREASE

—29 Years Ago—

The nation's draft-age fathers found little comfort today in disclosure by the house appropriations committee that the rate of army inductions would be cut about 60 per cent after next December, with the bulk of 1944 inductees coming from the teen-age group.

## Police work becomes un-

## BUSINESS MIRROR

Business Distrusts  
Political Climate

By JOHN CUNIFFE'

AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — In much of the business community today there is a defensive feeling, a fear of the future, a distrust of the political climate, a suspicion that events might conspire against it.

How pervasive is this attitude is difficult to say, but it appears and reappears in the speeches and testimony and other public statements of many chief executives of the largest and most powerful corporation.

It has always been latent. It is now quite overt.

Whether the attitude is justified by the facts can, perhaps, be answered only through a thorough study. But that it is a real factor in business thinking is demonstrated every day privately and publicly.

To illustrate from a little noted but very revealing speech this week:

Stewart S. Cort, chairman of Bethlehem Steel Corp., second largest in an industry where profits have lagged, is greatly concerned—it would seem by his remarks, somewhat bitter also—about political attacks on business.

Cort insisted he wasn't against change. Continual and gradual changes in society are needed, he said, "and needed badly." There is, he said, "a lot of inequity in our land; there's a lot of poverty; there's a lot of suffering that must be remedied."

But, he added, "we must find a way to do it that doesn't stop our economy in its tracks—a way that doesn't wipe out the individual liberties that have made us a proud country, with every right to be proud."

He called for groups such as the Rotary to organize programs "to encourage responsible, honest, and truthful campaigning. Mobilize 'truth squads' perhaps."

Cort was especially incensed about accusations that business fails to pay its fair share of taxes, claiming that in the 10 years through 1971 Bethlehem paid more than \$1.7 billion, or more than its total net income.

"So please think twice before swallowing all this baloney about large corporations not carrying their fair share of the tax burdens," he said. The explanation, he said, is that "the temptation is irresistible" to attack business.

Cort expanded his remarks to talk about a general climate of "cynicism and mistrust" fostered by "an army of malcontents" who, he implied, were largely responsible for—as revealed in an unnamed survey—46 per cent of Americans thinking that big business is dangerous to our way of life.

The effect if not the purpose of antibusiness propaganda and calls for extreme tax reform, he suggested, is to destroy individual incentive, confiscate savings and endanger individual freedom.

He suggested further that the critics of business and society were responsible for what he said was the current epidemic of shoplifting and vandalism.

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Some business critics, he suggested, are calling for socialism. Sweden, he said, is the most highly socialized country in the Western world, and:

"They have just about the highest prices in the world; they consume more alcohol per capita than any other people in the world; and they are suffering what amounts to an epidemic of mental breakdowns."

Cort didn't mention that next to the United States, the Swedes have the greatest per capita income, that their businessmen are internationally competitive, that some of their steel is superior to Bethlehem's.

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## ANNUAL EVENT

—39 Years Ago—

Herbert Kerlikowske is planning his annual renewal of the tennis tournament for junior players.

## TO GRADUATE

—49 Years Ago—

Two hundred and forty Berrien county eighth grade boys and girls will receive diplomas in exercises at the St. Joseph high school. County School Commissioner Emma H. Cole will make the presentation.

## FIRST TIME

—59 Years Ago—

For the first time in the history of the public schools in Berrien county the commencement exercises of the rural districts were centralized yesterday. At the Bell Opera House in Benton Harbor, 225 young people received diplomas from the eighth grade.

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Twin City  
News

## SJ Citizens' Group Told Of New Tax Election Plans

A special St. Joseph school election to vote again on school operating millage will be rescheduled for July 31 the Citizens Advisory council

heard last night. Business Manager Dennis Percy said further conferences with the district's legal counsel indicated there may not be

enough time for all the legal requirements to hold the election on July 24 as approved by the St. Joseph Board of Education Monday.

The decision to vote again was made after the 5.1 mill operating tax proposal was defeated by 130 votes—1,173 to 1,043 in what was regarded as a

light turnout.

Twenty-six members of the Advisory Council met last night at Milton Junior High school library. They reviewed Monday's election results and set up their own agenda for action for the year.

Supt. Richard Ziehmer said he believes the basic budget is sound. He said he cannot predict what the school board will do regarding the amount of millage to be sought but he said that by the time the figure has to be set (July 10) the state aid formula will have been approved by the state legislature. State aid and allocation of local taxes were not known exactly when the 5.1 figure was set.

Ziehmer said he thought the real problem was to get more voters to the polls.

He reviewed the work done before the election and noted that investigation subsequently showed 300 parents are not registered.

Asked bluntly by an advisory council member why the administration expected the issue would pass, Ziehmer said (1) not one person had come forward to oppose incumbents seeking re-election to the board and (2) he summed up the school program saying: "I don't think the school system has anything to apologize for" referring to scope of its educational and extra curricular programs.

Ziehmer explained the statement that "school could not open in the fall without the half million dollars represented by the vote" saying it was impossible to cut that much out of the \$4.2 million budget at this date.

He said the school board has determined that if cuts have to be made they should be equal across the board. He noted Detroit schools' request to start classes in November would be a method to equalize cuts here.

Not replacing the 11 teaching positions left open by retirements and resignations would save about \$100,000, he said as an example of how deep the cuts would have to be to balance the budget.

While individual members of the council can work on the election team the council as a body will not promote a "yes" vote, Ziehmer said, because it was decided several years ago that the council was not to be a "millage committee".

Chairman William Rohn said the council would continue with the present plan of holding split sessions. In this system individual committees hold sessions and then the whole group meets and each unit reports.

Last night the public relations committee chairman, Dick Kenreich, said his committee is somewhat understaffed, saying he needed manpower to develop a couple of information books. He said he thought it time the district have another district-wide questionnaire, this time on dress, drugs and discipline.

## Doctor's Son Is Doctor

Thomas R. Lininger, son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lininger, 2712 Highland court, was graduated recently from University of Michigan Medical school with a doctor of medicine degree.

Dr. Thomas Lininger is interning at University of Michigan hospital in internal medicine. He is a 1964 graduate of St. Joseph high school and received a bachelor of arts degree from DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., in 1966.

He is a member of Phi Chi Medical fraternity. Dr. Lininger and his wife, the former Joann Brookmeyer of Logansport, Ind., live at 2546 Arrow Wood road, Ann Arbor.



BEE WARE: Mrs. Halla Johann, 3101 Cleveland avenue, St. Joseph, checks over the swarm of bees that are making their home in the branches of a tree near her home. The Johann's moved to their present home earlier this year and one of the dividends has been a procession of wildlife including raccoons, a variety of birds and now bees. (Staff Photo)

## I&M Files For Hike In Rates

### Wholesale Price Increase Sought

FORT WAYNE—Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. announced it has filed an application with the Federal Power commission for an increase in wholesale electric service rates.

The proposed rates, which would affect 16 municipal electric systems and seven rural electric cooperatives, are designed to yield before taxes an estimated \$6,180,000 in additional revenue.

The filing with the Federal Power commission, regulator of wholesale rates, follows on the heels of applications for general rate increases filed with the public service commissions of Michigan and Indiana.

I&M seeks a \$3.6 million general rate increase in Michigan and where the utility serves some 65,000 customers and \$16.3 million in Indiana with 293,000 customers. I&M said those rate applications were the first general rate increase requests in more than 50 years.

R. M. Kopper, I&M executive vice president, said all wholesale customers had been informed of the company's latest action which he said was caused by soaring costs.

Kopper said the increases to municipalities and cooperatives varied depending upon a "cost of service study" analysis required by the FPC.

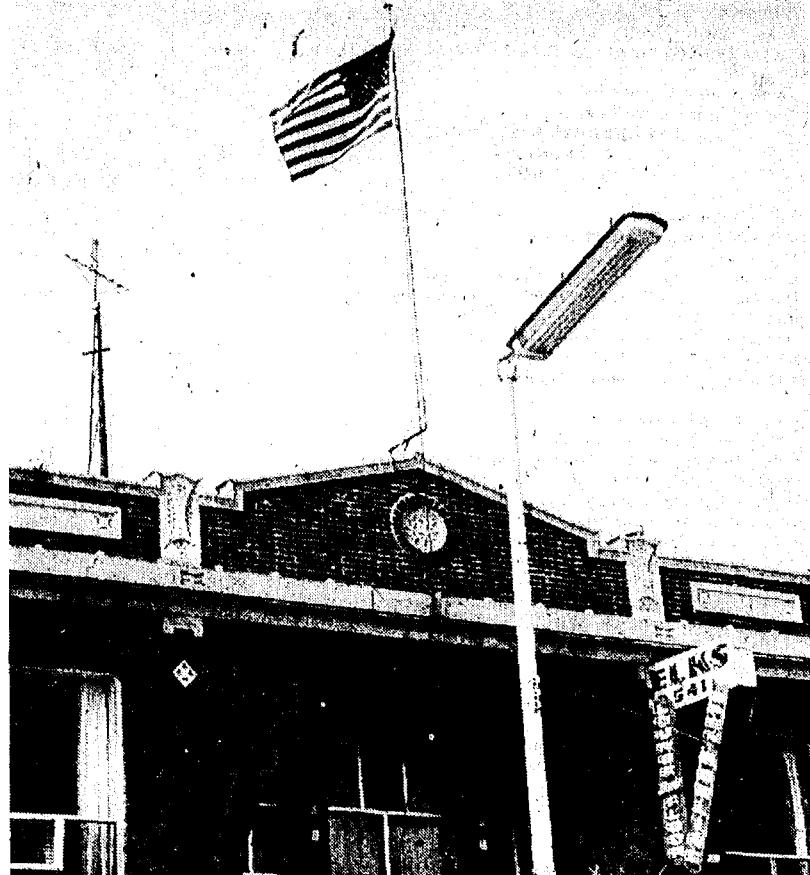
## Yearbooks Are Ready

The 1971-72 Upton Junior High school yearbooks are ready for distribution, Willis Koontz, principal said Tuesday.

Koontz said the yearbooks can be picked up on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### Fire Is Minor

Benton Harbor firemen at 9:55 p.m. Tuesday, put out a blaze that caused minor damage to wiring of an auto, owned by Francis Dunn, 644 Pearl street. The car blaze was at the family home, firemen said.



LONG MAY IT WAVE: Today is Flag Day and the Stars and Stripes flew proudly over the Elks temple in St. Joseph. But this flag doesn't fly just on special days or just in the day time. The Elks recently started a new practice of flying it 24 hours a day, lighted at night by two floodlamps. Code of flag etiquette permits flag to be flown at night provided it is illuminated. (Staff photo).

## Real Estate Man Named To Vacancy On Lincoln Board

Morris H. Jones, 4922 Washington avenue, was appointed as a trustee of Lincoln township last night, to fill the vacancy in April of created by the resignation Arthur Schneider.

Jones, the chairman of the township citizens' planning committee and an unsuccessful candidate for a board seat in 1970, will serve until November's general election.

At the election, he has announced, he will seek the remaining two years of Schneider's term.

Jones has been a real estate broker in the area for over 30 years, and is the operator of Jones Real Estate, 2608 Niles avenue, St. Joseph. He and his wife, Marie, have lived in

Lincoln township since 1950, and all of their four children graduated from Lakeshore high school.

Jones is the president-elect of the St. Joseph Kiwanis.

In other areas, a petition with the signatures of 155 residents of the Washington avenue-Glenlord road area was presented to the board, requesting that four-way stop signs be installed at the intersection. There are no stop signs on Glenlord now.

The petitioners said the intersection is dangerous and the site of numerous accidents.

Board members voted to request a study of the intersection from the Berrien county road commission, saying that they do not have the authority to put up stop signs. They might be able to put up flasher lights at the intersection if the road commission takes no action, members said.

A \$10,000 overall plan for township sewer installations was ordered by the board from Barger Engineering, St. Joseph, the money to come from a \$20,000 allocation for water and sewer in the 1972-73 budget.

At the urging of Trustee Donald Chapman, the board agreed to ask Barger to concentrate first on areas adjoining St. Joseph township. Chapman said Lincoln township costs will soar if planning is not completed in time to allow it to share secondary lines with St. Joseph township in areas where lift stations would be required for Lincoln to go it alone.

The board granted the request of John Wenzlaf that his property at Red Arrow and

Glenlord be rezoned from residential to commercial, so that an existing residence can be expanded to accommodate a gift shop and real estate office.

A request by Bill Bloom that his property on the west side of Red Arrow, just north of I-94, be rezoned from residential to commercial was denied. Board members cited highway plans for full interchange on I-94 at Red Arrow in the future, and township plans which call for coordinated development, such as a shopping center, in the area as the reasons.

The board voted to pay annual dues of \$690 to the Michigan township association, and, on a 4-3 vote, to contribute a further \$69 to the organization's Township Defense fund.

The board will hold a special meeting Monday, June 26, to discuss water matters. The July 3 meeting of the planning commission will be postponed until July 10.



MORRIS H. JONES  
New Lincoln Trustee

## Benton Self-Help Plan Recertified By U.S. Officials

Congressman Edward Hutchinson announced Tuesday that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved recertification of Benton township's workable program for community improvement.

A workable program is a community's approach to solving its problems of blight and includes sections dealing with code enforcement, relocation and citizen involvement.

A workable program is necessary before a community can qualify for federal funding for such programs as model cities and urban renewal.

Hutchinson said: "Even though this recertification does not involve any allocations of federal funds at this time, it means that Benton township's future funding requisite will be accompanied by full HUD approval of the township's problem solving methods."

## Four-Year-Old Girl Hit, Killed By Car In Hagar Township

A four-year-old Lake Michigan Beach girl was killed last night when she ran in front of a car on US-33 in Hagar township.

Dead was Molly Flynn, daughter of Mrs. Sharon Flynn, Box 299A, Central avenue, Lake Michigan Beach, Route 2.

Driver of the car was identified as John L. Vanstelle, 19, Route 1, Lake Cora, Paw Paw.

He told troopers he was northbound on US-33 when the girl attempted to run from the east side of the road to the west.

Police said the Vanstelle car skidded 107 feet, but was unable to avoid hitting the girl. Troopers noted the posted speed limit on that part of the road is 55 miles per hour.

Witnesses told officers that Vanstelle appeared to be traveling within the speed limit.

The girl reportedly was standing beside the road when a motorcycle went by. After the motorcycle passed, Molly apparently ran into the path of Vanstelle's auto.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph Memorial hospital, where officials said she had sustained a broken neck. The accident remained under investigation.

She was the 26th person to die in a Berrien county traffic accident this year. The toll on the same date in 1971 was 22.

## Yearbooks Available

Yearbooks for Milton Junior High school pupils have been delivered and can be picked up at the school Thursday and Friday. Greg Johnson, student council president, announced today.

The yearbooks will be available at the bookstore from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 15 and 16.

TEN PERSONS KILLED

TAIPEI (AP) — Ten persons were killed, six were missing and more than 2,000 were left homeless in flash floods which hit central Taiwan Monday and Tuesday, police reported.



THOMAS R. LININGER  
Doctor of Medicine

BANGKOK (AP) — U.S. military officials in Thailand are using fluoroscopes to detect drugs in packages sent through Army post offices to the United States.

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## No One's Very Happy With It

# Court Accepts Newest Berrien Remapping

BY BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

The newest 13-district remap of the present 21-district Berrien county board of commissioners has been accepted by the Michigan court of appeals.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor, chairman of the commission that remapped the county, reported late Tuesday that a spokesman for the court in Lansing told him by telephone "that the court had reviewed the new 13-man plan and found it to be valid."

Taylor said he expected written confirmation in the form of a court order today.

The court of appeals on May 30 ruled a 15-district remap of

Berrien county, drafted by Taylor's apportionment commission after a couple months' work, to be unconstitutional for lack of contiguous districts and a good-faith effort to achieve equality of population between districts.

The court ordered the apportionment commission to remap again, which it did June 1 amid Democratic cries of "Railroad!" and promises to appeal.

St. Joseph Atty. Tom Parish, former county Democratic chairman and an opponent of the 13-district remap, said this morning he will ask the court to reconsider, throwing out the 13-district plan and picking one of the other plans which include two brand new 21-district remaps by Democrats.

The basis for seeking reconsideration, he said, is that

Democrats were unable to file a response to apportionment commission materials until yesterday because Democrats received commission materials only yesterday morning.

Democrats held out for 21 districts but the apportionment commission hurriedly adopted the 13-district plan in the name of speed. They noted county board of commissioner candidates have only until June 20 to file for office.

The appeals court's most recent finding means the new 13-district plan corrects contiguity and population defects of the 15-district remap and that potential commissioner candidates may file for office now, Prosecutor Taylor said.

One candidate already has filed. He's Commissioner

Michael Govatos of Benton Harbor.

Taylor took notice of several Berrien county municipalities that have opposed the 13-district remap and said the apportionment commission feels the same but was forced into it by the court of appeals.

"I share the concern of various townships which have expressed opposition to the plan," he said. "The apportionment commission doesn't like the plan any more than they do."

"It's simply not a good plan from the standpoint of running an election. But unfortunately it is a plan which the court has forced us to adopt by virtue of its previous ruling, and we're going to have to live with it."



99-YEAR LEASE: Cass commissioners yesterday took a 99-year lease on Pioneer Log Cabin in Cassopolis, rectifying an apparent oversight of many years. Legal questions arose when the Cass County Pioneer and

Historical association, which operates the cabin as a museum under auspices of the county, asked that it be included under the county's liability insurance coverage. A check revealed the village retained title to

the land. The lease arrangement was drawn up to meet county concern over validity of the insurance coverage. The county will pay the village \$1 rent every year for the next 99 years. (Staff photo)

## Old Feud Resumed

# Van Buren Blasts State Auditors

By STEVE McQUOWN

Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — State auditors and Van Buren county officials never have boasted of being close personal friends, especially when the formal report of the auditors is made public.

And the 1971 report by state auditors, made public here yesterday, probably is not likely to bring the officials closer together. It triggered accusations by several county officials that the 1971 state auditing team interfered with certain county functions and erred.

The courts and the county road commission were the targets of the most serious accusations made by a team of auditors headed by Jack Howes

of the state treasurer's department of the local government services.

The report, among other things, asserted:

"That the juvenile division of probate court has not maintained since July 8, 1970 an accounts receivable ledger for court-ordered reimbursements.

That a "substantial number of defendants who were permitted to pay their fines and costs on an installment basis . . . are delinquent or have made no effort to meet payments," the report said of the two-district courts in the county.

"In many cases we could find no indication that the courts were making an effort to enforce payment of the

delinquent amounts," the report went on to say.

That the department of the county drain commissioner "has no official receipts or cash receipts journal for the recording of moneys received . . . and that a 1970 drain assessment of \$840 against the village of Lawton for the benefit of the Cheeseman drain has not been paid."

"On the county road commission the report said that . . . there appears to be no statutory authority for a June, 1969, contract between the road commission and Canonie construction of South Haven.

The contract, for the purchase of land for gravel pit use, was for \$150,000 to be paid over a 10-year period.

The report also said that the road commission has had a policy of not charging costs of fringe benefits to local units of government contracting work with the commission, and suggested that such costs be included in project labor costs.

Paul Kaiser, county road commission engineer-manager, said the Canonie contract was "approved by the commission's attorney."

He said he has asked for a state treasurer's department clarification on the accusation and for any attorney general opinion or statutes prohibiting the contract.

Kaiser said the county road commission is nearly a municipal entity of its own and possesses more powers than county government in the purchase of land and the use of land contracts.

He maintained the state auditor was in error and said he will ask for a retraction of the item from the report, and perhaps an apology from Howes.

Kaiser also insisted that the road commission has the power to develop its own policy on whether to charge local units for costs of fringe benefits, and accused the state auditors of "interference."

In a separate area, Prosecutor William Buhl accused Howes of "tampering" with evidence being held for a possible trial in an armed robbery case.

In a letter to Howes, Buhl accused the auditor of ordering that cash seized as evidence after an armed robbery be deposited with the county clerk, thus breaking "the chain of evidence" that could later have ruined it for use in the trial.

Buhl said he has instructed the sheriff's department to ignore such futile instructions.

from state auditors.

County commissioners, who reviewed the report Tuesday, said steps have been taken, and are being taken, to insure that all departments are aware of the administrative and bookkeeping criticisms, and to make corrections.

County Clerk Charles E. MacDonald, said that in some cases that criticisms are accepted as instructions and not

condemnation of individuals.

He added that such items as the failure of departments to keep adequate sick leave and vacation records can be remedied by commissioners.

The district courts in 1972 now have probation officers whose job includes insuring payments of fines.

The courts shared a probation officer prior to this year.

The final vote on the measure was 13-2, with Commissioners

Leonard Markstrom of South Haven township and Frank Kolesar of Covert township voting against the proposal.

In other action, the commissioners:

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The county will not pay the village share, but only guarantee, with its high state

equaled valuation, that the village portion will be paid.

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## Southwest Area Life Underwriters Install Officers

The Southwestern Michigan Association of Life Underwriters installed new officers and awarded its Man of the Year plaque Monday night at its annual meeting and Ladies Night dinner dance. The event was held at the Holiday Inn in St. Joseph.

Jack Johnston, C.L.U., of Benton Harbor was awarded the Man of the Year honor for outstanding service to the organization. Johnston is affiliated with the Chiviges agency in Fairplain.

Gordon T. Knutson of Watervliet was installed as president for the 1972-73 year. He succeeds Edwin L. Brink of Benton Harbor.

Other new officers for the coming year are: Kathryn Gard, Watervliet, first vice president; Ray Neiman, St. Joseph, second vice president; Walter Gephart, St. Joseph, secretary-treasurer. The appointment of Judy Nits of Watervliet as the new executive secretary was announced.

The association has 121 members from Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties.



JACK JOHNSTON  
Man of the Year

## Lawrence Area Grower Seeking Drainage Post

LAWRENCE — Lester Hagberg, 47, a Lawrence area fruit grower, announced today that he will be a candidate for the Van Buren county drain commissioner office in this year's elections.

Hagberg said he would seek the Republican nomination in the Aug. 8 primary for the post now held by Republican Glen Smiley. Smiley has not yet indicated whether he will seek a new term.

Filing deadline for candidates in the primary is June 20 at 4 p.m.

Hagberg is currently a member of the Lawrence school board, having been



LESTER HAGBERG  
Announces candidacy

commissioner's office are becoming more critical and demanding with the increase in population and industry within the county.

His announcement was the first for the office in either party.



GORDON KNUTSON  
New president